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In re Reissue Patent Application of

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For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH SENSE AMPLIFIER
CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment mailed June 25, 2004 has been received in the above-identified reissue application for failure to timely file a Reply to the Office Action of October 20, 2003. Reconsideration of the holding of abandonment is respectfully requested because the Reply filed by Applicants was lost by the Patent Office.

Applicants filed a Reply December 1, 2003 that was fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. Enclosed is a copy of the documents filed along with a copy of the mailroom date stamped receipt, showing the filing date of the Reply of December 1, 2003. Applicants note that the application stands in condition for allowance except for the receipt of the original patent, which was required in the Office Action of October 20, 2003. However, the original patent was

surrendered in the parent application, as evidenced by the papers submitted with the Reply of December 1, 2003.

Accordingly, the abandonment of the application should be withdrawn and the application allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Mattingly", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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